

to them, there naturally awoke an earnest longing in my soul for their spiritual welfare. I really coveted them for Christ. This feeling became so intense as to remain a settled conviction that God was calling me to work there and endeavour to win them to the Saviour. On the Sabbath above mentioned, I told them I had not come on a vacation, or for pleasure, but in the name and at the bidding of the master to make a faithful and earnest effort to benefit them spiritually. I requested any in the congregation who loved Jesus and wished to see his cause built up, upon whom I could rely by their prayer, sympathy and co-operation to assist me in this work to stand up. Not one arose! Repeating the request again a little more emphatically one dear old brother stood on his feet. The outlook, as far as human help was concerned, was not the most encouraging, but I knew if God wanted me here His strength would be made perfect in our weakness, and He could and would glorify himself in giving us to see his salvation. Some few others offered their sympathy and help, and I appointed meetings for the coming week. The attendance during the week was small as the nights were dark and the roads muddy; but in the first meeting there were encouraging indications. The word of the Spirit the word of God began piercing the armour of unbelief, pride, selfishness and sin, and a number began, in broken-hearted contrition, seeking the Saviour's pardoning love. The second Sabbath the meeting house was crowded, and on my making the proposition that all who were in sympathy with the meetings and wished them continued, to arise, nearly the entire congregation arose. Since then the week night services have been largely attended, and the interest steadily increasing. Thirteen have been baptized and a large number of others are giving themselves to Christ. Gray-haired heads of families with their children are coming to the Saviour, and the entire community seems moved by the power of the Spirit. Those who have come out are strong and faithful and do not confine their efforts to the house of God, but, like the woman of Samaria, with eyes aflame with holy joy and hearts overflowing with love, are saying to their associates and friends, "Come, see a man that told me all things that ever I did, is not this the Christ?" There is a good deal of singing talent here that I was glad to utilize, and it has helped me greatly. I am glad to say that a number of the young folks who volunteered their help in song have given themselves to Christ and can now sing with the spirit as well as the understanding. I am endeavouring to prevent the impression getting possession of the people that since revival has come, and we have seen some souls converted and have enjoyed some glorious meetings, that we can fold our hands, relax our effort and be satisfied that the work is done. It has only commenced. God wants the entire community, and I believe that if we honour Him with our faith and effort Perth Centre will be thoroughly renovated and redeemed. A large number of men and women, from thirty to fifty years of age, are publicly and decidedly declaring their intention to leave the wretched past and give their hearts and lives to Christ. I ask the prayers of all that this work may be thorough and complete.

Yours Fraternally,  
J. T. PARSONS.  
Perth Centre V. Co. Dec. 8th.

HIBERNIA, Q. Co.—Rev. O. N. Mott, whose labours have been so much blessed in Hibernia, writes that the meetings were held in fulfilment of an announcement made before General Conference. Since the report which appeared last week two more converts were baptized. Bro. M. says:

"The meetings are now closed. I shall not continue here any longer. Rev. J. G. McNally has the pastoral care of the church. I shall go as the Lord may direct, and hope I may have the prayers of my brethren." He also wishes to acknowledge a donation from the people of Hibernia amounting to \$54.15, \$30.50 of which were in cash.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

—More than 100,000 sermons are distributed every week in Berlin, Germany, among non-attendants at church, by a corps of 2,000 colporteurs.

—It is stated that 2,500 persons have arisen for prayers, and about 1,000 have professed conversion during the meetings held at Columbus, O.

—The Quakers have a farm of seven hundred and twenty acres of land near Wabash, Ill., in a high state of cultivation, on which are nearly one hundred young Indians, receiving a Christian education.

—A banker at Sendai, Japan, a non-Christian, has given 10,000 yens (over \$8,000) to the school established by the American Board in that city, with the understanding that it is to be a thoroughly Christian institution. Many students in this school are feeling the power of the gospel.

—Mr. Moody is labouring in Pittsburgh, Pa., in a building erected for a rink. It will hold three thousand people. The city of Cleveland is also favored by evangelist, Dr. L. W. Munhall. As so often before, Oberlin College is the scene of much religious activity and interest.

—It is stated that there is not a single evangelical missionary in the immense valley of the Amazon, and that a Gospel sermon has never been preached there.

—Good tidings come from distant Singapore. The first Malay convert has been baptized in the person of a woman who was led to Christ by Miss Blackmore, of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This woman has had a remarkable career. When a child she was taken prisoner, with her father, by cannibals. The father was killed and eaten, but the daughter was subsequently rescued by a trader, whose wife cared for her and brought her up. She is spoken of as "devout, childlike, and truly converted."

Temperance Notes.

—At the temperance convention held in Regina, a North-West Prohibition Alliance was formed, and it was decided to petition the Dominion Government to further restrict the issuance of permits and to have the prohibitory law carried out energetically.

—We have 23,000 licensed places for selling liquor in Canada, and an army of 750,000 moderate drinkers, 50,000 drunkards' children, and every year 5,000 poor creatures fall into a drunkard's grave. In this Canada of ours we dole out \$372,000 to Christian missions in a year, and in the same time we spend \$80,000,000 in drink—J. W. Lombard.

—The report of the New South Wales Drink Commission has been issued. During last year the colony spent £4,634,020 on drink, or £4 14s. 6d. per head of the population, the average for Great Britain being £37s. 10d.; 232 violent deaths through intemperance had occurred during the year. The visiting surgeon of Darlinghurst gaol informed the Commission that in three and a half years, out of 34,266 prisoners, 5,686 were under medical treatment for diseases induced by drink. The Commission recommended that the licensed houses in Sydney should be reduced from 500 to 400, and that the 94 private bars should be suppressed.

—It seems that the recent protests against the license of the rum traffic in Africa are attended with good results, and in a way which is influential and far-reaching. If the conscience of commercial and trading companies can be quickened in this respect there is far more hope for the native races which are likely to heed and profit by their example. The Niger Trading Company has adopted the prohibitive policy in reference to intoxicating drinks in dealing with the African races. It is also bringing its influence to bear on various Governments to take a similar step, because it is found rum ruins and demoralizes the natives. It is said that to every missionary who goes out, 70,000 barrels of rum are sent. If the trading companies take this matter in hand the prohibition policy can be effectually enforced throughout the whole of Africa, for by their influence alone this traffic first gained its foothold there.

THE FISHERIES COMMISSION.—The Commission has adjourned till January. Just how much has been done is not known perhaps considerably perhaps nothing. Hon. Mr. Foster on his return from Washington, being interviewed, said: he had noticed a great many statements purporting to give authentic information with reference to the doings of the commission. As the commission was secret and the members of course bound to secrecy, none of these reports could be relied upon. Many of them were the crudest absurdities which afforded considerable amusement to the plenipotentiaries and those acquainted with the nature of the negotiations. The adjournment until January, Mr. Foster said, took place to allow the commissioners, after discussing the question pro and con, an opportunity to think over the propositions made and to consult with their respective governments, but as to the nature of the proposals I cannot speak. I may say this, however, that there is no truth whatever in the report that negotiations have been abruptly brought to a close owing to any disagreement between the different plenipotentiaries on each side.

REV. A. ESTABROOKS.—The Messenger & Visitor says:

We have been gladdened to be informed by our old friend, Bro. Alex. Estabrooks, that, after having tested the doctrines, etc., of those who profess instantaneous and entire sanctification, he finds himself most in accord with Baptist views. While he feels a warm Christian interest in those with whom he has associated for some time past, and recognizes the excellence of many of their lives, he cannot longer agree with them in their teaching. Indeed he never has accepted all their beliefs. We hope he may soon see his way clear to the old loving and full fellowship with our people.

We have a note from Bro. Estabrooks which is, in substance, similar to the communication summarized above.—ED. INTEL.

SUNDRIES.—Mr. Sankey, the singing evangelist, has gone to Europe. In Shikoka, a province of Japan, with a population of 3,000,000 there are only two missionaries. Lord Napier and Lord Wolsey attribute ninety per cent. of the crime in the army school to alcohol.

OF MINISTERS.—Rev. George Howard has declined the call to the Carleton Baptist church. . . . Moncton Baptist church has added \$100 to Rev. Mr. Hinson's salary. . . . Rev. K. McKay Presbyterian Minister at Richmond, C. Co. fell and was seriously hurt one day last week. His collar bone was broken. . . . The marriage fees of some New York clergymen are said to amount to more than their salaries. . . .

TEA MEETING.—The tea meeting held last week by the ladies of the Carleton F. C. B. church was financially successful to the amount of \$172.75.

CHRISTMAS ADS.—Those of our readers who make their purchases in Fredericton should look over our advertising columns, dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, books, silverware, furniture, clothing, fancy goods the things the old folks need and those the youngsters want, all can be had of those whose advertisements are in these columns.

The Dominion Parliament is to meet January 31st.

ALL SORTS.

—A special oil is now manufactured to be used by vessels at sea to pour on the waves in time of storm.

—A Chinaman has discovered that cast-off horse-shoes, through their constant hammering, are excellent metal for the manufacture of knives and sword-blades.

—Romanish parochial schools, in the state of New York, turn out three and a half times as many paupers as the public schools. Superstition trains badly for this world as well as the next.

—Marriages are not allowed in Russia before the male is 18 and the female 16, nor are men over 80 or women over 60 permitted to enter wedlock. A fourth marriage is illegal. Priests may marry only once. Marriages in secret without witnesses are not valid.

—Chicago has in her employ 1,605 teachers. The number of seats for pupils is 82,000. Number of pupils enrolled is 75,000. Of these, 9,600 are in double divisions; that is, can attend school only half a day. There are 2,000 more girls than boys in the schools.

—Henry Ward Beecher, who became the foremost pulpit orator, platform speaker, and writer of this century, began his unique career in a little church in a western village, where he was a preacher and sexton at a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars a year, paid in part in turnips, cabbages and onions.

—A Methodist exchange says, "It has not been very long since a good old brother in our country expressed the hope that he might soon be taken hence, as he felt sure the judgments of high heaven would soon fall upon the country because of the blasphemy of the people in putting up lightning-rods." Nowadays, mere people are afraid that they will go hence if they do not have lightning-rods on their houses.

—The tower which is being erected by the Russians on the highest point of the Mount of Olives, is already several stories high, and but one more is to be added. It is so high that both the Mediterranean and Dead Seas may be seen from the top. A number of bells will be placed in the tower. In digging the foundations seven Christian graves were found together, with an inscription in Greek, in which the word 'Stephanus' could be deciphered.

—Having been asked to what he attributed his careful and precise business habits, President Cleveland replied:—"To the fact that I was often in need of money when I was a boy. I learned frequently from want of it the exact value of a York shilling, and I learned that shillings could not be honestly earned except by strict economy and great attention to the details of business.

—The unfortunate King of Bavaria is doomed beyond hope. He is now continually terrified or delighted with the most extravagant hallucinations, recognizes scarcely any one, and is, of course, unable to attend to the least of his official duties.

—The busy bee is often held up as an example for us may prove to be a good deal of a loafer after all. A naturalist now claims that little rascal with all his fuss and flurry only works three hours out of the twenty-four.

Washington Irving Bishop, the mind-reader and magnetist, seems to be fast following in the melancholy steps of others of his profession. His epileptic fits are said to be increasing and at times he is not a sane man. He has been giving exhibitions in the West.

—The beatings itself to death in stinging some one else. Some men make things uncomfortable all around them for a season, but the end is generally worse for themselves than for those whom they sought to annoy.

—The Nashville Advocate tells of an old barber down in Salisbury, N. C. who could not recall a certain noted in fidel's name, but defined him as "dat man what goes 'round smashin' hisself 'gainst de Bible." That definition will do.

—It is estimated that 9,400 miles of railway have been built in the United States during the ten months ending October 31, and that the capital involved in the work has been \$200,000,000. The greater proportion of this new mileage is located in the West. Dakota, for example, has 689 miles and Kansas, 1,681.

Fifty-nine survivors of the six hundred who charged at Balaklava thirty-nine years ago held their annual reunion in London a few days ago.

Literary Notes.

Alden's *Manifold Cyclopaedia*. Volume I. of this work, now on our table, abundantly fulfills the promises of the publisher's prospectus. It is a really handsome volume of 640 pages, half Morocco binding, large type, profusely illustrated, and yet sold for the price of 65 cents; cloth binding only 50 cents—postage 11 cents extra. Large discounts even from these prices are allowed to early subscribers. It is to be issued in about thirty volumes.

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The *Homiletic Review* for December is rather late in its appearance. A rich table of contents closes the year. Dr. Schaff leads off in a valuable article on The Connecting Links between Church and State. There are Criticisms on Spurgeon, by an "Eminent Professor of Homiletics," Miss Frances E. Willard has a plea in favor of Licensing Women to Preach. It will interest even those who are opposed to her views. Dr. Behrends writes on The Best Way to Reach and Interest the Laboring Classes in Religion and the Church. Dr. Ormiston has a brief paper on The Men for the Pulpit. Dr. Wm. M. Taylor has an admirable Christmas sermon. The other sermons in the number are by such preachers as Drs. Masden, L. T. Chamberlain, Edward Judson, Wayland Hoyt and others. The departments are well filled, and the other parts of the number are up to the mark. A full and carefully prepared Index of the volume accompanies the number.

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In the January number of the *American Magazine*, Wm. H. Rideing will have the first paper of a series on Boston Artists and their studios, reproducing some of their paintings and showing their distinctive styles of art.

The attractions of the Christmas number of the *American Magazine* have compelled the printing of a second edition to supply mail orders.

The issue for December 10th of the *Library Magazine* contains the following important articles:

The *Catholic Review* of the Sixteenth Century, from the *Quarterly Review*. Science and the Bishops, by Prof. T. H. Huxley. The Theosophic Movement in India by Herr Ernest von Weber. Rural France, from the *Edinburgh Review*. Also brief articles from the *Saturday Review* on the Future of Canada American and Indian Wheat, Queries for Journalists, and Debts of Honor. Single copies 3 cents; \$1.00 per year. John B. Alden, Publisher, New York.

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Marriages.

FERRIS-WHITTAKER.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. J. E. Leard, Rainsford W. Ferris, and Annie Whittaker, both of Portland, St. John.

Deaths.

BURDEN.—In this city, on the 14th inst., Elizabeth, aged 87 years, widow of the late Oliver E. Burden.

BARKLEY.—At Southampton, York Co. on the 4th inst., after a short illness, Catherine Lloyd, widow of the late Charles Bartlett, aged 59 years and 8 months. Sister Bartlett professed religion when only fourteen years of age and was baptized by the late Rev. S. Hartt. She was a member of the Fredericton Free Baptist Church, and was a faithful Christian, esteemed by all who knew her. Four children survive her, one son living in St. John, another in Stillwater, Maine. They were able to be present and see their mother and hear her last words. God bless them and the daughters in their bereavement.

BARKER.—At Bristol, Carleton County, on the 18th of October, Edward Barker, in the eightieth year of his age. Brother Barker was born in Nova Scotia; when about twenty-two years of age he left that province to make a home in New Brunswick; in his journey he attended a series of meetings held by the Methodists and was converted. He soon joined the Free Baptist church, of which he remained a consistent member until death. As long as health would permit he was a regular attendant at the house of worship; he possessed of fair speaking ability and strong zeal for the cause of religion he was the instrument in the hands of God of causing many to believe in Christ. His funeral was attended by Elder John Perry who preached from 2 Cor. 5:1 and to a large gathering of people. Bro. Barker left an aged and infirm widow and four children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and an affectionate father.

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